

April 28, 2022

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Grant Review Committee and  
Jesse Sims, Grants Manager  
PO Box 40917  
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Dear Grant Review Committee,

This letter is to inform you of the City of Camas' support for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program **Trails Category**, in order to make improvements to the following areas:

- **Green Mountain** - request reimbursement for a portion of our acquisition cost for the recent purchase of the 55-acre parcel
- **S. Lacamas Creek Trailhead** - Requesting grant for trailhead construction

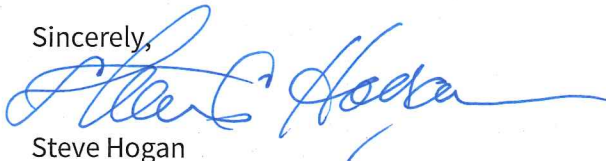
The Green Mountain acquisition adds to the publicly owned green belt which includes property owned by the City of Camas, Clark County and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, totaling 591 acres. This green belt provides opportunities for the City, County and State to partner in conserving forested land, providing trail system connectivity and creating new mountain bike trails that are lacking in the region. This conservation of greenspace will benefit generations to come.

The South Lacamas Creek Trailhead project is significant in that it will help alleviate parking constraints to several popular trails in the area – to the north, a trail system through the Lacamas Regional Park, and to the south, the Washougal River Greenway Trail. The extensive trails system through Lacamas Region Park leads hikers to other trail connections such as Heritage Trail on the south shores of Lacamas Lake; Fallen Leaf Lake trail through the forested land surround the lake; and an urban trail through the City called the Mill Ditch Trail – totaling more than 15 miles of trail.

By supporting this grant request, not only will you preserve increasingly precious wildlife habitat, but you'll also be preserving a valuable resource for our community.

The significance of both these projects are the benefits they provide the community, which is that important connection to nature. As we've recently seen that connection was much needed during the pandemic, and even more so as we move out of it. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Steve Hogan  
Mayor of Camas



April 25, 2022

Recreation and Conservation Office  
Attn: Grant Review Committee and  
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Dear Mr. Sims:

We are a proud partner with the City of Camas on the preservation of land on Green Mountain. As a property owner in the area, it brings great pride to see significant acreage planned as open space where current and future residents of the community can enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

The significance of this acquisition is that it adds to the publicly-owned green belt in the area, next to Clark County's Green Mountain property and the Department of Natural Resources property. This green belt provides opportunities for the City and County to partner in conserving forest lands and provides regional trail system connectivity and new mountain bike trails that are lacking in the region.

This property acquisition by the City will benefit both residents and visitors from near and far. Putting aside 55 acres for the enjoyment of the public is something to be celebrated. With local government resources being in high demand, we support the City's request for reimbursement of a portion of the acquisition costs. This conservation of greenspace will benefit generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John O'Neil", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

John O'Neil  
President



P.O. Box 491, Camas, WA 98607

April 25, 2022

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Re: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – **Trails Category**

Dear Grant Review Committee and Grants Manager,

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for two applications you are considering on behalf of the City of Camas. Our non-profit organization has been a partner and strong supporter of our city's Parks and Recreation programs for many years. We see tremendous value to our community in these particular projects.

Green Mountain acquisition – This property acquisition uniquely benefits our region due to its location adjacent to and nearby significant acreage of other publicly owned green spaces. The 115 acres at Green Mountain connects with Clark County's Green Mountain property, which is designated as a regional park, as well as Department of Natural Resources land, and additional City and County tracts. This property means connectivity for this entire greenbelt. Camas has a tremendous opportunity with this acquisition to create meaningful partnerships with Clark County to conserve forested land and to provide for longer trails, which are important to our mountain biking community and others, and unfortunately, very lacking in our area. Camas is experiencing rapid population growth. Setting aside properties such as Green Mountain is especially important to meet the future conservation and recreation needs of our community. The next generations of Camasonians will surely benefit from this thoughtful planning.

S. Lacamas Creek Trailhead – The area served by this important trailhead is another example of a successful partnership that benefits our community members as well as visitors to our area. The S. Lacamas Creek Trailhead is an extremely valuable access point to the trail system through City of Camas property and into the Lacamas Regional Park, which is owned by Clark County. This trailhead creates additional parking, which alleviates the congestion created by constraints at the other access areas to the park, especially the parking lot at the north end of the park near Round Lake, which fills up often. An additional benefit of the S. Lacamas Creek Trailhead is its proximity to Baz River Front Park, which is the start of another beautiful riverside trail, also with limited parking. This trailhead is close to downtown Camas, and easily accessible from a main road connecting Camas and Washougal. It is a crucial component of our entire local trails system, and helps to keep our community connected to an amazing greenspace corridor.

Here in Camas, we are fortunate to have incredible natural spaces to recreate in. Support from RCO for the acquisition and development of trails-related properties helps keep our community members healthy and connected to the natural world. Thank you for your consideration. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Partners with Camas Parks and Recreation  
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Cc: Trang Lam, Director  
Parks and Recreation  
City of Camas



Dear Grant Review Committee,

This letter is to express Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance full support of the City of Camas pursuit of the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant. As a new resident of Camas one of the primary reasons my family chose our location is the value of outdoor recreation space and the access Lacamas Park provides. Having access to trails is an invaluable asset for any community. Given the rapid population increase in Camas and Clark County, it is clear others share our sentiment about outdoor recreation opportunities.

Expanding the already crowded spaces will further improve livability and sustainability of the southwest Washington region by alleviating user impacts and reducing user conflicts as a result of overcrowding. The potential at Green Mountain for the newest development of houses and neighborhoods will add tremendous benefit to those beyond quick reaches of Lacamas Park.

Speaking as a representative of Evergreen we fully agree with the vision and direction of the City of Camas to expand its outdoor spaces through recreation and conservation. Additional trail heads creates less bottleneck of parking and entry usage for the existing trail network. A new S. Lacamas Creek Trailhead is another intelligent way Camas should optimize our trail systems.

The pandemic has highlighted how trail systems and their access are priceless assets for one's quality of life. Improving existing systems while adding some additional points is the clear route to increasing our community's overall experience living and visiting southwest Washington. The local mountain bike community is in support of these ideas and goals. It is for these reasons we hope you approve this grant request for the city of Camas.

Respectfully,

-Jeremy Morse

Lacamas Park Mountain Bike Trail Steward & Evergreen Representative

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April 03, 2022

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**Subject: Support for the Green Mountain Acquisition and S.  
Lacamas Creek Trailhead**

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of City of Washougal, I write to express my strong support for the Green Mountain acquisition project and S. Lacamas Creek Trail application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office's Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

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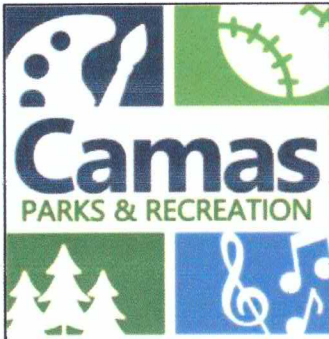
Thank you for your consideration of these Camas projects, and please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wright  
Business Administrator

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May 2, 2022

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The most popular and extensive trails system through Lacamas Creek Park and Lacamas Region Park leads hikers to other trail connections such as Heritage Trail on the south shores of Lacamas Lake; Fallen Leaf Lake trail through the forested land surround the lake; and an urban trail through the City called the Mill Ditch Trail - totaling more than 15 miles of trail. The South Lacamas Creek Trailhead project is significant in that it will help alleviate parking constraints to several popular trails in the area - the extensive 15 miles of trails to the north, and to the south, the Washougal River Greenway Trail.

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Sincerely,

Steve Lorentz  
Chair, Camas Parks and Recreation Commission